GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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STEPS TO INCREASE TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to increase the bilateral trade and normalisation of ties with Australia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. It has been the constant endeavour of the Government to increase bilateral trade with friendly countries including Australia. Steps taken in this direction include regular inter-action to review trade related matters under the institutional mechanism of Joint Ministerial Commission headed by Commerce & Industry Minister, and setting up of a Joint Working Group orEnergy and Minerals, etc. These are supplemented by regular meetings of India - Australia Joint Business Council at the trade and industry level.